THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.4821 of 2007

Date: 09.03.2007

Between:
Trinity High School

....Petitioner

and

The Superintending Engineer and others.

....Respondents

O R D E R:

The petitioner is a High School at Kasulapalli Village, Peddapalli Mandal, Karimnagar District. The respondents are laying a 33 KV electrical line from Palithem Substation to Bompalli Village. The alignment of the line is such that it passes across the building of the school. The petitioner claims to have represented to the respondents to change the alignment in such a way that the line does not pass across the building. Its complaint is that no action has been taken thereon and the line is being drawn as proposed.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned standing counsel for the respondents.

The respondents are guided by the relevant provisions of law in the matter of deciding the alignment of electrical lines. Though maximum latitude is given to the respondents, they are also placed under obligation to ensure that the electrical lines do not pose threat to the safety and life of the citizens. Passing of an electrical line with such high voltage over a building, particularly where hundreds of children either reside or study, would lead to its own threat potential. The respondents can, certainly, take the safety of the inmates of the building into account and consider the change of alignment.

The learned standing counsel for the respondents, on instructions, submits that the second respondent has already

instructed the subordinate authorities to ensure that the electrical line does not pass across the building. Though the petitioners demand that the line be not permitted to cross their entire land in Sy.Nos.415, 416, 433 and 436, this Court is not inclined to grant the relief in such broad terms.

Hence, the writ petition is disposed of, directing that the respondents shall ensure that the proposed line does not cross any existing building of the petitioner school. There shall be no order as to costs.

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Note: Issue cc in three days.
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